



# Thursfield News



## Friday 26th September Edition

**Weekly Joke:** Why did the M&M go to school? Because he really wanted to be a Smartie!

### Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of exciting learning opportunities and community events here at Thursfield!

#### Art Learning Block - Focus on Line

The children have commenced their new art block, exploring the concept of line. It has been wonderful to see their creativity shine through as they experiment with different techniques and approaches.

#### SEND Catch-Up Meeting

A huge thank you to the parents who attended Monday's SEND catch-up meeting after school. Your partnership is vital in ensuring that all pupils at Thursfield receive the best possible support. Working together makes a real difference.

#### TTRockstars Launch Day

Wednesday was a fabulous day as we launched TTRockstars across the school. Both children and staff looked incredible in their rockstar outfits, and the buzz around school was infectious! It was inspiring to see children reciting number facts and taking on multiplication challenges with such enthusiasm. We encourage all pupils to continue developing these essential number skills at home.

Yesterday, Year 5 enjoyed a valuable trip to Sandyford Fire Station, where they learned about fire safety, first aid, and road safety. These life skills are an important part of their personal development, and the children represented the school brilliantly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making Thursfield such a vibrant and caring place to learn.  
Have a good weekend  
Mrs Bradbury

## Reception and Nursery Places September 2026

### Open Events:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October @5:30pm  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November @ 9:15am

Contact to book your place:  
01782 512301  
Email: [office@thursfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@thursfield.staffs.sch.uk)

Visits to see our Reception and Nursery Setting can still be arranged if you are unable to attend our open events. Please call our office to arrange.



### Wellies

We'd love every child to bring in a pair of wellies to keep at school.

The weather's on the change, and with wellies ready, we can splash, stomp and play on the field all year round!

### Key Dates

## SEPTEMBER

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>:** PTFA AGM Meeting @2pm

## OCTOBER

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Y5/6 Cross Country @Springhead 4pm - 5:30pm

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>:** Y3/4 Pottery Tour Trip

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>:** Harvest Assembly - KS1 & EYFS @9am

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>:** Y5/6 Cross Country @St Saviours 4pm - 5:30pm

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Wear yellow to school (Children's Mental Health Day)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Year 5/6 Football Tournament @Keele  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>:** Y5/6 Trip to Staffordshire Regiment Museum

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>:** Reception and Year 6 - height and Weight Check

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>:** Y5/6 Cross Country @Dove Bank 4pm - 5:30pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6 Fundraising Event

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>:** Academy Photography (Individuals and Siblings)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** EYFS Open evening @5:30pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** PTFA Pumpkin Patch @3:30pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** PTFA Pumpkin Workshop @6pm

**27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> - October Half Term**

## NOVEMBER

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** **INSET Day**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>:** KS1 Trip to National Arboretum

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>:** EYFS Open morning @9:15am

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Year 5/6 STEM Workshop - parents invited. 1:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m

## Allergy Awareness - Important Reminder

We have pupils at Thursfield with severe peanut allergies, and their safety is a top priority. Please be mindful of this when sending food items into school, and avoid products that contain peanuts or peanut butter. Thank you for helping us keep all of our children safe and well.

## Year 5/6 Cross Country Team



What a fantastic afternoon at Thursfield as our Year 5/6 pupils took on their first cross country race of the season! With 35 runners in each race, the children showed incredible determination and team spirit as they tackled 2.5 laps of the field.

#### Top results:

- Girls: 2nd, 3rd & 4th place
- Boys: 1st, 2nd & 4th place

Both teams were brilliant, and staff were blown away by their effort and attitude. A huge well done - we can't wait for next week's race at Springhead Primary!



### Thursfield's Parent Staff Association AGM MEETING

It's a new school year and we are brimming with ideas and excitement for 2025/26. Come along and join us for a coffee and a catch up. All welcome, parents, carers, grandparents and staff. Share ideas and help us raise vital funds!

Due to the natural demographic of our school catchment we tend to receive very little additional pupil funding from the government. Therefore almost all enrichment is funded by PSA fundraisers. Your dedicated commitment to supporting our events makes the magic happen and we are grateful for such a supportive community.

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
2.00 PM

The School Hall



## Wear Yellow For Children's Mental Health Day.

**YOUNGMINDS**  
**Hello Yellow**  
FRIDAY 10 OCT

We're supporting Hello Yellow for young people's mental health.



# Year 5/6 - Leaving School Reminder

Reminder for Year 6 Parents: A reminder that all Year 5 and 6 children who walk home independently should leave the school grounds via the bottom green gate. Thank you for your support in helping us keep dismissal time safe and organised.



## Water Bottles

Bring a reusable water bottle every day!

Please label it with your child's name — let's cut down on plastic and be a greener school together.



## Named Uniform



Please label all your child's belongings!

It helps us cut down on lost property and makes sure items find their way back quickly. Thank you!"



## Parking



We have received a number of reports this week of dangerous parking outside school — cars mounting the kerb and ignoring pedestrian safety.

This creates a serious risk for our children and families. Please park with care in surrounding streets and watch out for pupils at drop-off and pick-up.

Vehicles parked unsafely will be reported to parking enforcement.



## Snack & Lunch



Please remember to book your child's lunch and snack via Arbor in advance.

Thank you for helping us ensure a smooth start to the new school year!



## Clubs

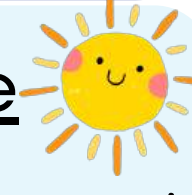


Clubs are underway!

Haven't signed up yet? Book via Arbor today and don't miss the chance to try something new this term!



## Wraparound Care



Wraparound care bookings must now be made via Arbor. If you need help, please contact the school office.



## Our Next Curriculum Block

For the next two weeks, the curriculum block for Years 1-6 will be **Art**.



## Class of the week!

Year 5 for their fantastic attitude and behaviour during their trip to Sandyford Fire Station.



## Attendance

100%

Well done to Year 1/2T and 4W Class for achieving 100% attendance last week!

# Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Science

- RB - Edison C.
- RSB- Cooper B.
- Y1P- Liam A.
- Y1/2R -Milo T.
- Y1/2T - Elsie D.

- Y3H- Harry G.
- Y3/4R - Max W.
- Y4W - Eddie W.
- Y5P - Kasper W.
- Y5/6B - Abel D.
- Y5/6O - Charlie T.

# Well done!

## Facebook Page



Thursfield has a Facebook page. The purpose of the page is to provide parents with a window in to the school day. To join search Thursfield Primary School.

## School Website

Please visit our website for information regarding school policies including mobile phones and attendance. You will also find information regarding our curriculum.



## ARBOR



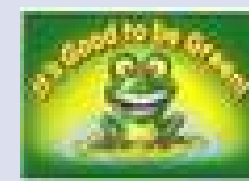
Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.



Additionally, you can adjust your photo permissions through Arbor at any time.

## Good To Be Green Winner

# Freya H.



## House Points

- Bridgewater - 166
- Wedgwood - 135
- Moorcroft - 103
- Doulton - 69



## The CAYP Webinar Series

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 8:00-9:00pm

### Sleep, Screens and Stressed-Out Kids

with Consultant Clinical Psychologist Dr Daniel Weisberg

Sleep is crucial for children's emotional and mental health, yet many families find it a constant struggle. In this free webinar, Consultant Clinical Psychologist Dr Daniel Weisberg will explore why so many children have difficulties with sleep, and how screen use, emotional overload and overstimulation can get in the way of restful nights. We will be sharing practical strategies for calmer evenings, better sleep hygiene and realistic boundaries around technology. The role of neurodivergence will also be considered, with time set aside to address your submitted questions.

- Overview:
- Strategies for better sleep without battles
  - Common sleep myths and mistakes
  - Why sleep is such a struggle for many children
  - The connection between sleep, mood, and anxiety
  - The impact of technology on sleep and mood
  - The connection between sleep difficulties and neurodivergence
  - When to seek further help

#### Who can join:

This session is primarily for parents of primary and high school aged-children, but anyone working with children is welcome to attend.

Click [here](https://www.cayp-psychology.com) to book your place or visit: [www.cayp-psychology.com](https://www.cayp-psychology.com)

Keep a look out for our 2025/2026 parent webinar series. We will be exploring how to boost our child's mental health, navigate social media and technology, understand and manage friendships, understand and overcome anxiety, particularly around school.

# CAN YOU HELP US...



## Digging Area Donations Needed!

We're making a digging zone for our OPAL playtime fun — but we need tools for little hands!

Got any children's spades, trowels, buckets, plastic plant pots or diggers at home? We'd love them!

Pop your donations into the school office and help us get digging!

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

**UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE**

**WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?**

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers. It led to an overall finding: it's never just about anger or revenge. The most common reasons given were: to protect themselves or someone else (e.g. from violence, sexual assault, or gang or school rivalry), and being provoked. While not all young people face these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

**WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?**

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. Signs to watch for include: sudden mood changes, withdrawal, aggression, excessive phone use, unexplained injuries, frequent absences from school, aggression, going missing, or social isolation. They may also be exhibiting signs that can lead to violence.

**ONLINE INFLUENCES**

Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and glorifying violence. Platforms like TikTok (especially) can expose young people to harmful content, often shared by influencers. This can lead to a distorted reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 7% had seen real-world violence online, and 5% had seen real-world violence in person. This can lead to a distorted reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 7% had seen real-world violence online, and 5% had seen real-world violence in person. This can lead to a distorted reality, leading to fear and desensitisation.

**WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?**

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4pm and 8pm — just after school — carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, or from arguments or rivalry spilling over into the evening. Other factors that increase the risk include: being in a group, being in a public place, and being in a high-traffic area. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the places they live in, and 58% don't feel safe walking the streets.

**WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?**

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a desire to protect themselves. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or that it could lead to serious consequences.

**WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?**

Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry high risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like public places, are often busy, attract those more likely to be involved in violence, and some become hotspots due to poor supervision, such as under-resourced public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through these communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

**TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE**

Children are often better at the conversation, emotionally and physically, than we are. If you find it hard to talk to your child about staying safe, you can ask them to help you. If you're worried, you're not alone, reach out to us.

**HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES**

Young people can be shocked by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. Other people can report anonymously through [NHS](https://www.nhs.uk) or [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk). If you're worried, you're not alone, reach out to us.

**AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS**

Encourage young people to consider the 'Safe 1's': 'That's not yours, take it back', 'I don't want to be involved', 'I'm sorry, I didn't mean to do that', 'I'm sorry, I didn't mean to do that', 'I'm sorry, I didn't mean to do that'. Encourage them to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath, stepping back, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

**REPORT INFORMATION**

We will have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other people can report anonymously through [NHS](https://www.nhs.uk) or [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk). If you're worried, you're not alone, reach out to us.

**Meet Our Expert**

The Ben Kesteven Trust is a UK anti-violence charity educating young people through interactive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit [benkesteventrust.org.uk](https://www.benkesteventrust.org.uk)

**WakeUp Wednesday**

The National College



# PTFA



## Upcoming Events...

**Thursfield's Parent Staff Association**  
**AGM MEETING**

It's a new school year and we are brimming with ideas and excitement for 2025/26. Come along and join us for a coffee and a catch up. All welcome, parents, carers, grandparents and staff. Share ideas and help us raise vital funds!

Due to the natural demographic of our school catchment we tend to receive very little addition pupil funding from the government. Therefore almost all enrichment is funded by PSA fundraisers. Your dedicated commitment to supporting our events makes the magic happen and we are grateful for such a supportive community.

**September 29th, 2025**  
**2.00 PM**

**The School Hall**

*Just show up!* *Bring a friend!*

**PUMPKIN PATCH**  
**23RD OCTOBER**  
**3:30 PM**

*Stalls, hotdogs & some spooky fun, join us on the school fields & pick your perfect pumpkin!*

**£3 PER PUMPKIN**  
**INCLUDING a pack OF SWEETS**

**A HUGE AMOUNT RAISED VIA MOW COP SCARECROW TRAIL**

**£1060!**

Thank you to everyone who joined in on the fun & raised such an incredible amount!

**PUMPKIN WORKSHOP**  
**WITH A PROFESSIONAL FLORIST**

**23RD OCTOBER**  
**6:00PM**  
**£40PP**

£10PP DEPOSIT TO BE DROPPED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**NO CHILDREN ALLOWED**

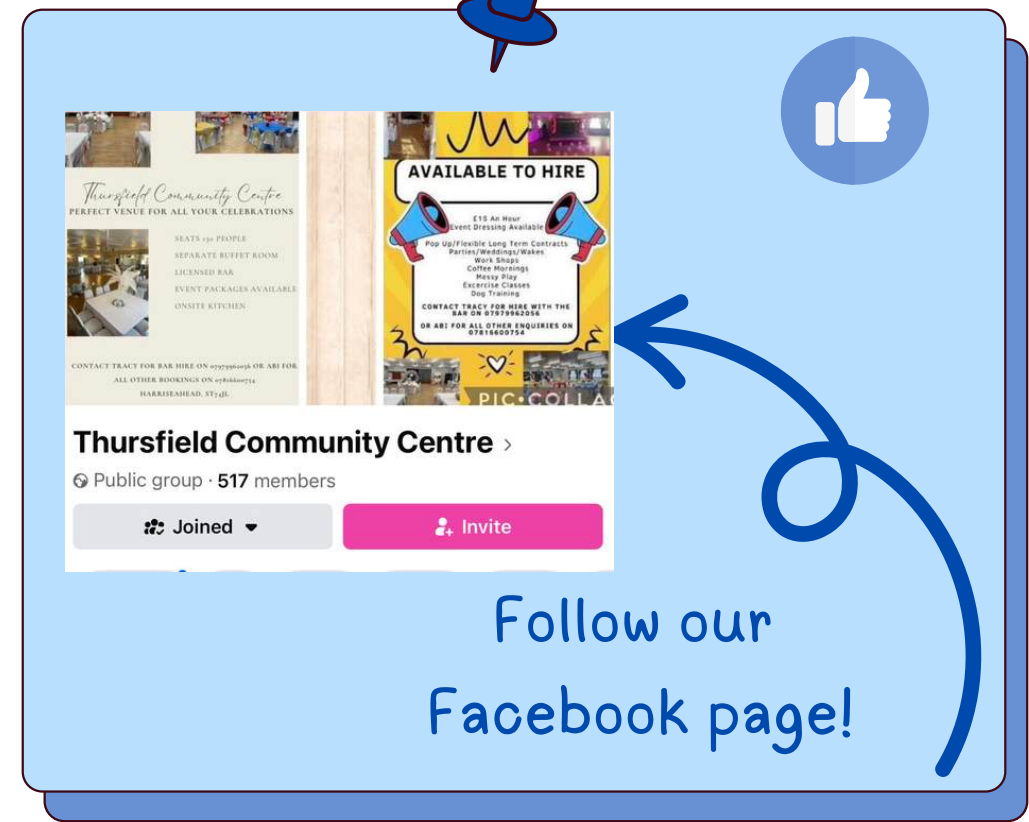
## Future Events:

- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September:** Annual PTFA AGM 2pm
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** Pumpkin Patch Event @3:30pm - £3 per ticket
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** Pumpkin Workshop @6pm - Adults Only - £40 per ticket



# Thursfield Community Centre

## What's going on...



Thursfield Community Centre  
PERFECT VENUE FOR ALL YOUR CELEBRATIONS



- SEATS 130 PEOPLE
- SEPARATE BUFFET ROOM
- LICENSED BAR
- EVENT PACKAGES AVAILABLE
- ONSITE KITCHEN

CONTACT TRACY FOR BAR HIRE ON 07979962056 OR ABI FOR ALL OTHER BOOKINGS ON 07816600754  
HARRISEAHEAD, ST74JL



**NEW GROUP COMING SOON**  
Saturday Morning  
7.30am & 9am

Thursfield  
Community  
Centre,  
Harriseahead

Call Clare 07584071643

real food, real support, real results



### HARRISEAHEAD MINI MATES

Mini Mates Baby & Toddler Group  
Come play, learn, and make new friends!

Looking for a fun and welcoming place to bring your little one? Join us at Mini Mates – a relaxed and friendly group for babies, toddlers, and their grown-ups!

- For ages 0+
- Toys, songs, snacks, and free play
- Hot drinks and chats for parents & carers
- Crafts and seasonal activities

When: Thursdays 9:30-10:45  
Where: Community Centre, Chapel Lane, Harriseahead  
Cost: £3.50 per child and adult then 50p every extra person

Whether you're a new parent, grandparent, or carer – everyone is welcome! No need to book, just drop in.

Come along and be part of our lovely community  
We can't wait to meet you!

We Are Moving!!

## Groove and Burn

Line Dancing

NEW  
Venue



Starts  
28th May

Wednesday, 6:30pm - 9.30pm

£6

Thursfield Community Centre, 7 Chapel Rd, Harriseahead, ST7 4JN

## Shamanic Drum Birthing

Guided by Tracey Coulson from Shamanic Earth

Making your own drum is a very special gift to yourself. Once you have made your medicine drum and journeyed with it, it will always be connected to your heart. Tracey will guide us through the day in ceremony to create your own unique and personal shamanic medicine drum. You do not need any prior experience. All you need is an open heart and mind and the desire to do something amazing for yourself.

November 7th  
10am - 5pm

Thursfield Community Centre

\*Please allow a little extra time as this could run over slightly - we don't rush birth!

Investment

£310 for an 16 inch drum with a choice of hide\*  
£330 for an 18 inch drum with a choice of hide\*

\*The hides and woods used are ethically and sustainably sourced by Tracey.

## SEN Carer Meet Up

When: First Monday of the Month 18:00-19:30 & The First Tuesday of the Month @ 10:30-12:00

Where: Thursfield Community Centre ST7 4JL

Cake and Refreshments provided, donations welcome

Due to the success of the first meeting, I'm hosting these meet ups on a regular basis. They are for anyone who cares for a SEN child. I want to provide a safe space for a chat, biscuit and a drink with others that just get it. No judgement, no expectations just a swap of knowledge and hopefully friendship building for all. No need to book just walk in, any further info please contact me - Abi on 07816600754

Ps: Children also welcome for those not able to attend school

## Christmas WREATH MAKING

Saturday 29th November

10:30-12:30

14:00-16:00

18:30-20:30

**£45 PER PERSON**

£15 Deposit Non-Refundable

Thursfield Community Centre  
7 Chapel Ln, Harriseahead,  
Stoke-On-Trent  
ST7 4JN



## Christmas Market

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER  
11:00-14:00

THURSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ST74JN

FREE ENTRY AND PARKING  
OPEN BAR

SANTAS GROTTO

\*30 LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS

\*HOT FOOD & CAKES

\*REFRESHMENT- MINCE PIES

\*BOUNCY CASTLE

\*FACE PAINTER/GLITTER TATTOOS